

Bryant CEO - Number one again!

By Tyler Murphy
Contributing Writer

Bryant University's Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization won Best CEO Chapter in the nation two weeks ago, at the annual conference in Chicago. Bryant competed against over 190 schools across the country, such as Oklahoma State, University of Southern California, University of Tampa, and Texas Christian University. It is a great honor to be named best in the nation, but an even greater honor because no CEO chapter has ever been awarded Best Chapter two years in a row. Bryant CEO also came back to Rhode Island with awards for Best Website and Best National Student Leader.

Lauren Amarante received the Best National Student Leader award, in recognition of the work she has done with both CEO and the Global Entrepreneurship Program (GEP) at Bryant. Lauren is the Events Coordinator for GEP and has been a member of CEO for the past two years. During this time, Lauren has had many accomplishments such as helping to plan and coordinate the Elevator Pitch Competitions and bringing Benjamin Zander to speak at Bryant, free of charge.

Zander is an orchestra conductor and nationally acclaimed speaker on leadership and is typically paid around \$60,000 for appearances. However, Lauren proposed a deal - if she brought 300 students to see the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra perform in Boston, he would come to speak at Bryant. Lauren was now faced with the problem of "enrolling" 300 students. Determined, Lauren planned and pitched day and night. To Zander's surprise, 250 students attended the concert.

Speaking at Bryant, Zander made it a point recognize Lauren, explaining how impressed he was, and that he'd never seen a sophomore in college with the drive and passion that she had; he coined this, the "Lauren Amarante Factor." This, he said, is the concept of living in the realm of possibility and never giving up.

John Botte, the new Information Technology chair, is a new member of CEO executive board and has made a number of improvements to CEO's website. He re-designed the website, giving it a new look and layout. John had only a short period of time to complete the site in order for it to be done in time for the conference. John's hard work paid off, earning CEO the Best Website award and driving him to propose improvements to the CEO National Convention website, to which the heads of the convention agreed.

While both Lauren and John are outstanding members of our organization, it has taken the work of the entire Bryant University Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization



Members of Bryant's Collegiate Entrepreneur's Organization gathered in Chicago where they were named 'Best CEO Chapter' for the second time. (Courtesy of Michelle DeSalvo)

to win Best Chapter in the country. Its dedicated members and executive board have worked hard and helped the group grow. Even though Bryant CEO walked away with three different awards, the CEO National Conference is much more than a competition. Each year, the group looks forward to "the conference for entrepreneurs to learn, network, and become inspired by others." Whether it is a student from a different university who is starting their own business, or one of the many successful/famous speakers such as Robert Kiyosaki, author of *Rich Dad Poor Dad*, or Ryan Allis of IContact, Inc. everyone has something to offer.

Bryant CEO took 63 students to Chicago to take part in this event showing the enthusiasm that their members have for entrepreneurship and business.

Bryant's CEO chapter has been recognized on campus since 2005. It started with eight self appointed members, and has since grown to over 150 members. CEO feels they have changed the culture of the university; a feat that they say very few CEO chapters have accomplished. The group started with nothing - no entrepreneurship program, no classes, no major/minor, and no club. Today,

because of the student movement within CEO, entrepreneurship at Bryant is thriving. This new interest in entrepreneurship has also allowed the Bryant Global Entrepreneurship Program to add entrepreneurship as a new major/minor at Bryant. Beginning next semester, students will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of entrepreneurship classes.

While their passion has driven them to inspire a change in the culture of Bryant University, they attribute a lot of their success to the organization's structure. Unlike most CEO chapters that have a typical executive board of President, Vice President, Secretary, etc., Bryant's is made up of fifteen different positions ranging from information technology to event planning. Each executive board member has their own committee ranging from 5 to 25 people that the general members choose to participate in. This has allowed the group to not only get their general members more involved, but to ensure that the future leaders will lead Bryant CEO in a positive direction.

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Do you have a secret?

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

On Thursday, December 4, the Student Arts and Speaker Series (SASS) will be holding an event featuring Frank Warren, the founder of PostSecret, at 7pm in the Main Gym.

PostSecret is a program started by Frank Warren in 2004. It is a forum where people can anonymously disclose their secrets and have them posted onto a global blog site. One night in December 2003, Warren had a dream that he claimed would change his life. While travelling in Paris, Warren bought three Antoine de Saint-Exupery's "Little Prince" postcards from a small shop near the hotel where he was staying. He placed the postcards in the drawer of the nightstand in his hotel room before he went to sleep for the night. That night, he had a vivid dream in which he found himself in his hotel room. He dreamt that he opened the nightstand drawer and examined the three "Little Prince" postcards. Each postcard had been "altered with messages written on their backs," according to Warren. The first message read, "unrecognized evidence, from forgotten journeys, unknowingly rediscovered", the second message was about a "reluctant oracle" postcard art project and the last message he stated, he could not understand at the time. When Warren woke up the next morning, he took the postcards out of his nightstand and began to write the messages he had seen in his dream. A month later, he started the "reluctant oracle" project. Each Sunday, Warren created a new work to be released. His works gained attention world-wide. On the PostSecret website Warren writes, "The last message from 'reluctant oracle' bore the message, 'you will find your answers in the secrets of strangers.' The next

Sunday the PostSecret began."

Meagan Sage, the Assistant Director of the Center for Student Involvement and the co-chair for SASS, said, "The premise of the program is that Frank Warren created PostSecret as a way for people to get out a 'secret' of theirs without having to actually tell anyone what is bothering them. Thousands and millions of people send Frank their secrets on postcards every day, week, and year, and he posts some of them online for others to see and appreciate."

"SASS is holding the event as a collaboration between a speaker and art event, which is at the core of the committee's mission," said Sage. "The committee really appreciates the purpose of the program as a creative way for people to let their stress out, help manage their mental health and wellness, and create art in a way that is both private and safe. We also hope that the community will both appreciate the event and learn from it, and that it will be something to bring the community together about an important topic."

SASS is also coordinating Bryant's own PostSecret. PostSecret boxes will be in different areas on campus, including Health Services, Residence Life, the Women's Center, the Post Office, the Intercultural Center, the main desk at Chase Athletic Center, the

library, and the Bryant Center Info Desk. Students can pick up blank post cards at these locations and write their own secret on these boxes and then drop the secrets in these boxes. All secrets submitted will be shared (anonymously) at the Bryant Secret Gallery, which will be open before the event on December 4th from 6pm to 7pm.

Sage said that all students should be aware of PostSecret. "If students do not know what PostSecret is, they should check it out," Sage commented. She described the impact this program had on her once she read more about it. "I did not know what it was right away, but once I educated myself on what the program was, I realized how truly impactful and important it is, and have become one of its biggest fans."

For more information about PostSecret, visit www.postsecret.com.

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‘Follow the yellow brick road’

By Cristine Cox
Staff Writer

Bryant University is a campus geared toward learning in and outside of the classroom. Students have access to numerous resources; however, a substantial portion of learning takes place outside of the classroom through lectures and events, much like those that have taken place during International Education Week (IEW).

Shontay Delaloe King, Director of the Intercultural Center, notes that the goal of IEW is to celebrate the benefits of international education and prepare Americans for a global environment. This is in line with Bryant’s mission to “cultivate a global perspective through course work and student-life activities.”

This year’s theme, *Follow the Yellow Brick Road*, represents the Bryant community stepping out of Smithfield and into a world that is made up of several hundred different cultures, ethnicities, and nationalities. The countries represented during this week-long celebration included Kazakhstan, Italy, China, Cambodia, and India.

The week kicked off with a trip to the Providence Public Library to experience “African Heritage Day,” which is sponsored in part by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Literary and Cultural Studies in addition to the Providence Public Library and African Alliance of Rhode Island (AARI). Professor Alex Perullo and his students enrolled in the African Popular Culture course, in addition to other interested students. The audience witnessed music and dance by Moremi Cultural Group, which is made up of members who live in Providence and the surrounding areas. The on campus kickoff featured a traditional Kazakh Yurt, which was on exhibit in the Rotunda during the week. A yurt is a traditional home used by the nomadic people of Kazakh decent.



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Throughout the week, several other activities took place. On Wednesday, Piero Bellini (’11) hosted Global Community Hour, a presentation the Intercultural Center holds several times throughout the year.

On Thursday, Professor Riham Bahi discussed the status of women in Islam. Different this year is the Kazakh-themed Cultural Coffee House, a joint activity with ISO, Student Programming Board (SPB), and the Multicultural Student Union (MSU), which in the past has been Native American themed. This in-depth look at the Kazakh culture was a great opportunity for a learning experience. Films, music, and other discussions were also a part of IEW.

The grand finale to the week was ISO’s annual cultural celebration, I2I, which features several countries and regions with music and dance. This year countries represented included: Trinidad and Tobago, Puerto Rico, Vietnam, Columbia, Peru, Greece, France, Italy, China, the Caribbean, India, and the United States.

With the emphasis on global learning here at Bryant, International Education Week was yet another avenue for students to explore the world beyond our domestic doorstep. The Intercultural Center coordinated many of the events in conjunction with Student Affairs and Academic Affairs. I2I and the International Music Festival were lead by the International Student Organization (ISO).

‘Let your voice be heard!’ Weekly Senate Coverage

By Erin Devito
Staff Writer

At the Senate meeting last Wednesday, November 12, Chief George Coronado of DPS addressed the Senate and Bryant community as a whole. Chief Coronado began by thanking the senators who have worked with DPS over the last few years to improve the relationship between students and DPS officers. The second DPS Day was a great success, and many students and faculty were there to show their appreciation for the DPS officers, who are here on campus year round, ensuring the safety of the Bryant community.

Chief Coronado also brought up the Virginia Tech tragedy, and how he believes that it was as important to higher education as 9/11 was to our country as a whole. Along with Chief Coronado, the DPS officers work tirelessly to ensure that everyone is prepared in the unfortunate event of a disaster like the Virginia Tech shootings. As Chief Coronado states, “Hope is never a strategy.” As part of Bryant’s strategy, DPS supports the initiative to get IP speakers outdoors on campus in case of an emergency. Chief Coronado finished by handing out certificates and mini DPS badges to the Senators who recently participated in a DPS Ride-along.

The following list is a brief

overview of what was discussed and brought to the Senate’s attention at the meeting on November 12, 2008:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-Look for weekly posters with a “going green” tip of the week, courtesy of the Going Green tri-goal committee of Senate.

OLD BUSINESS:

-No old business was brought up this week.

FORMAL NEW BUSINESS:

-The amended Bowling Club Constitution was passed unanimously.

-The Badminton Club Constitution was passed, therefore, the Badminton Club is now a recognized sports club on campus.

-In a Request for Additional Funding, \$7,850.75 was granted to SPB for lighting, monitors, draping, and chairs for their Mr. Bryant event.

-In a Request for Additional Funding, \$6,960 was granted to the Women’s Rugby team for hotel rooms and a coach bus for them to compete in the National Championship in Philadelphia.

INFORMAL NEW BUSINESS (to be addressed at a future meeting):

-Why aren’t there any business classes during Winter session?

-There have been some issues getting toilet paper in the suite village; really long lines.

-The green room in Koffler has been closed for testing, and is needed for

printing purposes by students.

-Earlier notice about emergency power outages in the townhouses.

-Club presidents need to be updated on the Senate website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-The senior class gift fund has reached 11% participation, and has earned about \$17,000 from parents. If 50% participation is reached, President Machtley has agreed to swim across the pond!

-Tickets are now on sale for ISO’s I2I: “Wizard of Bryant.” The actual event is Friday, November 21 from 8-10 pm in the MAC.

-Colleges Against Cancer is holding a soccer tournament called “Kick Away Cancer” for organizations on December 7 from 11am-6pm in the MAC. Teams may consist of 6-8 members, and at least 3 must be females.

-Michelle Thompson of SASS is the Center for Student Involvement spotlight this month. Congratulations Michelle!

-Congratulations to CEO for being named Best Chapter in the Nation!

If you would like to “let your voice be heard”, attend a Student Senate meeting! Meetings are held every Wednesday at 4:00pm in Papitto dining hall (on the first floor of the Bryant Center.) See you there!

SPB awarded ‘Excellence in Programming’ at NACA Conference

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

The Student Programming Board received the “Excellence in Programming” Award at the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) Conference held in Hartford, Connecticut from Thursday, November 6th to Sunday, November 9th. Kim Franklin, the President of SPB, said, “I am thrilled that SPB was recog-

nized. It proves that all of our hard work pays off.”

The “Excellence in Programming” Award is given to one school in each size category (including small and large) that shows diversity and creativity in their events. The organization applies for this award by nominating five events that it feels show the diversity of its programming board between November 2007 and October 2008. SPB chose to nominate the Haunted Trail, the Thanksgiving Dinner, the Dinner and a Show, the Legends of the Hidden Temple, and Spring Weekend. In the proposal, the organization must give

details about the events and include pictures, information about the budget, publicity, and how it utilized its members. At the end of the proposal, the organization must write a short description about its structure. The organization’s submission is then reviewed by NACA officials. “You are notified if you move on to the next step,” said Franklin. “If you move on you present for 15 minutes at the conference about the 5 events

presentation and the school that has the highest score wins.

Franklin stated that Bryant’s SPB received this award because the audience thought that the organization had the most diverse and creative programs. “This is the third year that we have won this award and we have only applied for it 3 times!” commented Franklin. “This is a huge honor because there were approxi-

mately 500 schools and 1,200 students present [at the conference]. Only four awards out of 500 schools were awarded.”

Four other schools were running against Bryant: Roger Williams University, Southern New Hampshire University, Eastern Connecticut State University, and the College of the Holy Cross.

Franklin said, “We were competing with schools the same size as ours that had literally twice the budget as us and we proved to have more creative events with bet-

ter utilization of our budget. Especially winning this award for the third year means that SPB is really on top and we are going to strive to stay there by continuing to improve on our events.”



The Student Programming Board beats the competition at this year’s National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) Conference. (Courtesy of Allison DiMaggio)

that you chose and a little bit about your organization as a whole.” A panel of judges watches the presentation. Franklin presented at NACA for Bryant’s SPB. After the presentation you field questions from the audience. The audience ranks every

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Bryant's ROTC trains for battle

By **Geoffrey Ensby**
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Over the weekend of October 24 to October 26 members from the Bryant University ROTC contingent headed to Providence College where they would embark on their semi-annual Battalion sized training event, called a Field Training Exercise, (FTX). This training prepares all cadets of different levels the optimal training for a three day period.

Initial formation was at 1500 (or 3:00 PM) on Friday afternoon at Providence College. At this point, cadets from various Rhode Island and Massachusetts schools all came together to embark upon a weekend of training. We were broken up into four squads, and furthermore, two platoons of two squads each. We were issued five MREs, or Meals that are Ready to Eat. An MRE can consist of anything from a Veggie Omelet, to Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, or even Skittles. After receiving our meals for the next two days, we were issued our M16s and blank adapters. We piled into a bus, two to a seat, ruck-sacks on our lap and prepared to take off for Camp Edwards, MA. We left Providence College at roughly 1700, and arrived at Camp Edwards at approximately 1900.

Now, the training would begin. We filed from the bus, and began our foot march. From here, we needed to set up a patrol base; an area at which we could spend the night. After this had

been accomplished, the juniors broke off from the rest of the cadets for special training. We were to be conducting night land navigation, where we would need to discover five grid coordinates using only a map, a protractor, a red-light flashlight and a compass. We finished our training at about 2300, and linked up with the other cadets. From here, we needed to figure out a sleep-schedule in which two people would be awake at all times for security reasons, and how to ensure this would happen from now until 0515, which was wake-up.

Saturday morning started off early for the Patriot Battalion with stand to at 0545. From there the entire group started the day-land navigation course where cadets are tested on their mapping, as well as pace and compass skills trying to find points in the woods of Fort Edwards.

After lunch, all the cadets started their STX's (Situational Training eXercise), where a squad of cadets conducts missions to attack an enemy consisting of mostly seniors. In STX lanes, cadets can experience one of the best simulations of combat and ma-

neuvering while also having the chance to lead their peers and work on leadership skills.

After a hot dinner, all the cadets went out on a night-land navigation course where the same skills were tested as during the day, while now trying to navigate through the dark woods. The night ended at 2300 by making hooch's or tents to cover cadets from the rain that would come later in the night. Saturday is the only full day on the FTX and is the most fun, as we are able to complete the most activities and learn as much as we can.

After a tempestuous night, the Battalion woke up Sunday morning at 0545 to a light mist and a lot of wet equipment. The Hooch Inn Express was torn down and the patrols formed up to begin the day's training. A quick breakfast of MREs, or for those who planned ahead, good-old granola bars and candy, and then a police call of the area was allowed.

After dropping off the A-bags full of soaked sleeping bags, the two patrols loaded onto the bus to make the drive over the area for squad STX. Here, the two patrols broke into five squads, and marched off into the



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woods to kill the OpFor, or opposing force. A series of hasty ambushes were set and executed, and many OpFor were mercilessly gunned down. Then, an elaborate bunker assault was conducted, including a covert reconnaissance of the complex, a long, wide, sweeping flank, and a brutal and violent assault on the objective.

The Battalion learned a great deal during these exercises, including how to lay down effective suppressive fire, individual movement techniques, such as buddy rushes and crawling, searching and securing an enemy prisoner of war, and the necessity of quickly clearing the objective. Following this fast-paced training, the Battalion reformed and loaded onto the buses for the bus ride cum nap back to Providence.

Upon returning to campus, the cleaning kits were broken out and the rifles were cleaned. Why clean the rifles, one may ask? Well, the rifle is one's greatest tool, and to fail to keep the rifle clean may lead to the risk of a jam, which could lead to disastrous consequences in the heat of battle. Thus a thorough cleaning was conducted. Finally, the final formation was called and several cadets were recognized for their achievements. After this came the well-earned dismissal, and the return home to real food and the best night's sleep in a long while.

Going Green: The Thanksgiving edition

By **Marisa Bono**
Staff Writer

Holiday traditions are meant to be shared with friends and family. Since most of you have been reading this column for a few weeks now, I'll go first. Whenever my family gathers for a large meal, right before we sit down to eat I run upstairs and change into what I like to call my "eating pants." They are royal blue pajama pants that just happen to be plastered with

countless Pillsbury Doughboys. They stretch well and, more importantly, make the transition from dinner table to couch that much easier. Trust me.

Another one of my favorite holiday pastimes is sharing leftovers. On special occasions like Thanksgiving, most people don't even realize how wasteful they may be while they are preparing a feast for the whole family. There are plenty of things you can do with all that extra food! Now although most of us will be helping to get

everything ready for Thanksgiving dinner, our parents are usually the ones who do most of the planning. Encourage them to take the following steps to having a virtually waste-free Thanksgiving!

If your family is inviting guests into your home, ask them to bring reusable containers. This way, they can take home as many leftovers as they please and food is less likely to end up in the garbage. Have your relatives carpool if possible to reduce traffic and greenhouse gas emissions. Make sure they get the most mileage out of their car, too! This can be done by properly inflating tires and driving the speed limit. It may take a bit longer for them to arrive, but they will arrive safely.

All of these tips also hold true if you and your family plan on making the trip for the turkey. When your family is travelling, urge them to lower the thermostat and put outside lights on timers. Thanksgiving can be an expensive holiday, so parents are sure to take advantage of any savings opportunity that comes along. And don't worry about Fido or Fluffy getting cold. They have

fur coats for a reason.

Setting the table with cloth napkins, reusable plates, glasses, and silverware is not only aesthetically pleasing, but it helps the environment by reducing plastic waste. When it is time for clean-up, make sure the dishwasher is set for full capacity before a cycle is run. Also, be sure to pay attention to what is going down the garbage disposal; hard or waxy food waste can damage the blades. As far as the napkins go, do not, I repeat do not, run a washing machine cycle for the sole purpose of washing napkins. I beg of you. Wait for a full load of laundry to pile up and then throw the napkins in with the rest of the clothes.

Families often enjoy a glass of wine or two with their meal. Be sure those bottles end up in the recycling bin! Not sure what to do with the cork? A company out of Missouri, known as Yemm & Hart, is collecting wine cork stoppers with the goal of converting them into a useful self-sustaining product in order to conserve the cork oak tree. The product they have come up with is recycled cork floor and wall tiles. If you have a few corks sitting around after the holidays, send them to:

Wine Cork Recycling
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Have a safe, pleasant, and green Thanksgiving!
Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Feel free to e-mail them to mbono@bryant.edu.

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All members of the campus community are invited



Evening Program

7:30pm, Rotunda

Featuring:

- Holidays from around the world
- Music and sing-alongs
- Candle lighting and procession
- Tree and Menorah Lighting
- Reception with food and music!



DPS LOG

HARASSING/THREATENING CALLS NOV 10 2008-Monday at 07:00 Location: OFF CAMPUS Summary: A student reports receiving a threaten- ing text message.	Offense) NOV 15 2008-Saturday at 02:37 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: While investigating a drug call a small amount of marijuana and a pellet gun were confis- cated.	Summary: A student reported being harassed.
EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered NOV 12 2008-Wednesday at 09:21 Location: UNISTRUTURE Summary: A report of a kitchen worker burning her arm. EMS was activated.	FIRE ALARM Fire Alarm NOV 16 2008-Sunday at 23:57 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: The alarm was caused by an activated pull station. Alarm was ruled as malicious.	LARCENY NOV 16 2008-Sunday at 13:20 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A student reported a stolen cell phone.
LARCENY (\$50-\$200) NOV 12 2008-Wednesday at 16:11 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of a missing window screen in the common area of a Residence Hall.	EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered NOV 16 2008-Sunday at 01:38 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated.	BURGLARY (Residence) NOV 16 2008-Sunday at 13:15 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of a stolen TV.
DRUG ACTIVITY NOV 13 2008-Thursday at 23:30 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of a smell of marijuana. SPD was contacted and responded to the scene.	EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered NOV 16 2008-Sunday at 02:19 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of a female with a laceration on her nose. EMS was activated.	LARCENY (Over \$500) NOV 16 2008-Sunday at 18:14 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of a stolen laptop.
VANDALISM (AUTO) NOV 13 2008-Thursday at 01:55 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of a hit and run on a parked ve- hicle.	EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered NOV 16 2008-Sunday at 04:03 Location: TOWNHOUSE Summary: A report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated.	BIAS INCIDENTS No cases reported.
FIRE (Building) NOV 14 2008-Friday at 22:09 Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER / GYM / MAC Summary: A fire in a clothes dryer. Fire was ex- tinguished, area was ventilated and the alarm was reset.	VANDALISM (Residence) NOV 16 2008-Sunday at 09:13 Location: TOWNHOUSE Summary: A report of the electrical meter broken off a townhouse exterior wall.	Bias incidents are subject to reclassification upon investigation. To report a bias incident or hate crime, go to www.bryant.edu/bias or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6920. Bias related incident – a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person’s real or perceived race, religion, natural origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Exam- ples of these incidents include name calling, of- fensive language/acts, and graffiti/behavior. The DPS Crime Prevention Officers: <u>“TIP OF THE WEEK”</u> Holidays Tip: When traveling, protect your ID and Credit cards from pick-pockets in airports, train and bus stations.
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‘Morning Delight’ makes its debut on Bryant TV

By Jenna Morris
Staff Writer

The Media Production Club is in the midst of creating Bryant University’s first ever morning show, entitled ‘Morning Delight.’

“I wanted to do a talk show,” said Jes- sica Clark, PR Chair of the Media Produc- tion Club and one of the ‘Morning Delight’ co-hosts. Clark filmed two episodes of her own talk show that advi- sor, Tom Zammarelli, really liked. The club decided that

they wanted to cre- ate a show that was more diverse and could be

watched by all Bryant students. “We are hoping to get more students involved [and create a show that is] appealing to a general audience,” says Clark.

‘Morning Delight’ will consist of four co-hosts that were chosen from two audi- tions. Along with the four co-hosts will be different guest speakers that relate to each episode’s topic. They are hoping to have a diverse pool of guests on the show, including athletes, representatives from different clubs, guest speakers that are coming to campus and students who stood out at auditions, among many oth-

ers. “We want to appeal to students, that’s why we are involving them,” says Chris Claude, President of the Media Produc- tion Club.

A single 20 minute episode of ‘Morn- ing Delight’ will take about an hour and a half to shoot, however much post-pro- duction editing is not necessary. They will film two to three episodes a night.

The Media Production Club is very in- volved on campus and is incredibly im- portant to student life overall. They film

many home ath- letic events, other events for students, guest speakers, and are also start-

ing both a cooking and sports show. They are grateful that Wendy Samter, head of the Communication department, has “seen us grow from just filming stuff on campus to producing,” says Claude.

The Media Production Club is made up of a group of very hard-working, in- volved, and dedicated students. They are always looking for new members to join, whether in a show or behind the scenes. It is both a good thing to put on a resume and also a good way to be involved in the Bryant community.

‘We want to appeal to students, that’s why we are involving them.’

Kiss-A-Pig Contest



Toby Simon and Wade Jubrey (‘10) kissed the pig at Bryant’s Kiss-A-Pig Contest. The event raised \$362.18 (Courtesy of Pratik Parikh)

CEO Award

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What exactly does Bryant CEO do that sets them apart from the rest? They host one of the world’s largest elevator pitch competitions that every freshman is re- quired to compete in, and is one of the most highly anticipated events of the year. They have created CEO Consulting, a stu- dent-run, non-profit consulting firm that provides services to entrepreneurs and or- ganizations outside the Bryant University community. The firm currently has three clients, one of which is Barry Blair who

has a T.V. infomercial kitchen product. He projects sales near 50 million and will be placing the Bryant CEO logo on all of the packaging. This past summer, Bryant CEO led a group of ten students to wit- ness the re-birth of China during the Olympic Games. While there, students visited Chinese multinational corporations and networked with each other, as well as top leaders in business, government, and academia.

The group also hosts the annual Pump- kin Festival around Halloween, where stu-

dents can buy pumpkins for one dollar and then carve them on site. Students also buy “pumpkin gut pies” which they use to “pie” the executive board member of their choice. The proceeds go to Camp Sun- shine, a camp for terminally ill children. This year the group raised \$1,300. Other notable events that CEO has hosted in- clude the Purple Cow Marketing Competi- tion, Best Idea Challenge, and an annual entrepreneurial speaking series at general meetings. Aside from events, Bryant CEO also brings a number of speakers to cam-

pus, such as David Neeleman, CEO of Jet Blue, Kenneth Cole, CEO of Kenneth Cole, and Bert & John Jacobs, founders of Life is Good.

Bryant CEO believes that every student with a passion for entrepreneurship and business should be a part of their organi- zation. CEO provides students with expe- riences and opportunities that they cannot get anywhere else. Meetings are held in Papitto Dining Hall every Thursday at five o’ clock, and new members are always welcome.

Spotlight on Interns: Mallory Barber

Student: Mallory Barber, Class of 2009
Concentration: Management
Minor: Applied Psychology
Internship Site: MTV Network
Location: New York, NY

How did you locate your internship?

I have always been interested in the entertainment industry so I went straight to MTV.com to search for an internship and found one in human resources with a generalist and the senior recruiter.

What did you learn about the profession?

With the entertainment industry it's always non-stop and you never know what's going to happen next because there is so much going on. Everyone is always on their toes waiting for the next big thing - they always want to be a step ahead of other companies. The people are very diverse - I thought it was going to be very corporate, sort of a suit atmosphere, but because MTV covers so many types of brands it's very flexible and relaxed. Everyone works very hard though and they put in long hours even though they don't have to. That's because they love their work. Even though I wasn't getting paid for the internship I was upset when I left at the end of the summer because I had such a great experience.

During my human resources internship I looked at termination analysis reports. Some employees would leave MTV very upset while others would leave on good terms, and I found you can't please everyone. The people at MTV work hard - one of my supervisors works on the weekends because she wants to go in on a Monday morning and have answers waiting for her employees. I had done two human resources internships before - one in a school and one in a marketing firm. This was different because the human resources department was broken up into so many subsets - BET, CMT, etc - they can't have just one human resource department for the whole company because it's so huge. This makes sense because it gives more individual attention to employees for their needs.

What were your major responsibilities?

My biggest project was running a termination project report using Excel for the MTV groups. This was to give them a better idea of why people were leaving the company. I would run the report and look for things like whether or not specific genders or races were leaving. MTV would use this to see how they could do better at MTV and Viacom to keep employees there. My second project was creating and updating the recruiting database by entering information from emails where different executives had moved to

so my supervisors could use it to look for candidates to fill open positions. I also worked on the job description library on a shared drive for MTV recruiters to use so that if someone needed a job description they could easily grab it. I had meetings with staff in different departments, such as college recruiting, event planning, health and benefits, recruiting 101, and behavioral based interviewing. I sat in on an interview and observed how the supervisor approached the interview, what he thought about the candidate before and after the interview. I went to a few meetings at VH1 with the executive producer on "I Want to Work for Diddy," so that was fun to see a different side of MTV. They brought in different people from different areas of the company to talk about their career path, where they were from and what school.

What did you find most challenging about your internship?

Since everyone was so busy it was hard sometimes when I needed help to get in touch with someone instantly because they were in meetings all day - but I always had something to fall back on. Sometimes there were so many things in the term report that I had questions on it might have been helpful to get assistance from someone when I finished certain portions of it to know what the next step would be.

The commute was very challenging because I wasn't fully living in NY - it was a three day a week internship so I lived in CT for those three days and then I would go home to MA to work in Worcester so it was very challenging to balance work life issues that I had never had to balance that before.

What did you find most rewarding about your internship?

I really learned a lot - this was always a dream job for me - I wasn't sure what I'd do if I didn't like it - the entertainment industry is very rewarding - you get little perks - I got to go on TRL - I ran into Mariah Carey and that made up for pay. At the end of the internship it was rewarding to know I did a good job and my supervisor would take me back - now I have a good recommendation to a good company. I would tell students to take an unpaid internship if they get offered one - it's an eye opener and helps you know if it's something you really want to do. I know students always want to get the best paying internship but it doesn't mean it's the best experience. This was a dream job for me and I was so scared it wouldn't be



something I liked but it was and so I was lucky. It was great - my supervisor didn't just throw me in a corner - they brought me in and I was part of the group instantly so I did stuff that he didn't have time for - my supervisor was more of a teacher and friend - he would stay late and talk to us about his experiences so it was a good learning experience.

What did you learn about yourself?

I learned I was pretty determined; the experience was something I always wanted but didn't expect - I applied in March and it was a shot in the dark. When I got the first interview I was so excited and when I got the email that I got it and I didn't even have a place to live but I wanted to take it no matter what. I learned it says a lot about me to work in NYC three days a week and then commute to Worcester for my paying job to support myself in school.

Winter break is an excellent time to do research on summer internships and jobs. The Amica Center for Career Education will be open during the break and students are welcome to use the Career Library and/or meet with a career counselor during this time. Stop in to make an appointment or give us a call at 401-232-6090.



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CSI SPOTLIGHT

Michelle Thompson

The Center for Student Involvement would like to announce the next 2008-09 CSI Student Spotlight Award Recipient, **MICHELLE THOMPSON**. Michelle is currently a member of the Student Programming Board serving as the Special Events Co-chair and has taken on the role of being the student chairperson of the newly formed Student Arts and Speakers Series. Michelle is also a member of the Leadership Development Program. The entire CSI staff would like to congratulate Michelle for being selected as the next 2008-09 Student Spotlight award recipient.

Be on the lookout for the next CSI Student Spotlight Award winner in just a few short weeks!!



President-elect Obama's strategy for job creation

By Ashley Palmer
SIFE Project Manager

Last week's article discussed President-elect Barack Obama's tax policy and his hopes to relieve the nation's financial burden resulting in the current economic crisis. This week I would like to focus on Barack Obama's platform for job creation. In the current crisis the country is facing, there have been notable job cuts across all sectors of the job market. For example, Citibank laid off 5,000 employees on Monday, while Fidelity has laid off over 3,000 employees in the past week. Although these examples both highlight cuts within the business sector, all other sectors of the job market are also experiencing layoffs, such as the United States Postal Service, who has recently let 1200 employees go.

As we are entering the midst of the holiday season, which is supposed to be the most active and financially prosperous quarter for industry, we are instead seeing a steadily rising level of unemployment - about 6.5% nationwide - and limited economic activity and spending.

Recent college graduates have been finding it increasingly more difficult to find jobs within their field and specialty. In hopes of providing new jobs to both the current working class and recent graduates, Barack Obama has proposed the creation of 5 million new jobs through the manufacturing sector and green technology. Below note Obama's proposals for stimulating the job market and reducing the nation-wide unemployment rate in the year to come as found on the website:

<http://www.barackobama.com/issues/economy/#invest-for-jobs>.

1. Invest in our Next Generation Innovators and Job Creators: Obama and Biden will create an Advanced Manufacturing Fund to identify and invest in the most compelling advanced manufacturing strategies. The fund will have a peer-review selection and award process based on the Michigan 21st Century Jobs Fund, a state-level initiative that has awarded over \$125 million to Michigan businesses with the most innovative proposals to create new products and new jobs in the state.

2. Double Funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership: The Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) works with manufacturers across the country to improve efficiency, implement new technology and strengthen company growth. This

highly-successful program has engaged in more than 350,000 projects across the country and in 2006 alone, helped create and protect over 50,000 jobs. But despite this success, funding for MEP has been slashed by the Bush administration. Barack Obama and Joe Biden will double funding for the MEP so its training centers can continue to bolster the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers.

3. Invest In A Clean Energy Economy And Create 5 Million New Green Jobs: Obama and Biden will invest \$150 billion over 10 years to advance the next generation of biofuels and fuel infrastructure,

accelerate the commercialization of plug-in hybrids, promote development of commercial scale renewable energy, invest in low emissions coal plants, and begin transition to a new digital electricity grid. The plan will also invest in America's highly-skilled manufacturing workforce and manufacturing centers to ensure that American workers have the skills and tools they need to pioneer the first wave of green technologies that will be in high demand throughout the world.

4. Create New Job Training Programs for Clean Technologies:

The Obama-Biden plan will increase funding for federal workforce training programs and direct these programs to incorporate green technologies training, such as advanced manufacturing and weatherization training, into their efforts to help Americans find and retain stable, high-paying jobs. Obama and Biden will also create an energy-focused youth jobs program to invest in disconnected and disadvantaged youth.

5. Boost the Renewable Energy Sector and Create New Jobs: The Obama-Biden plan will create new federal policies, and expand existing ones, that have been proven to create new American jobs. Obama and Biden will create a federal Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) that will require 25 percent of American electricity be derived from renewable sources by 2025, which has the potential to create hundreds of thousands of new jobs on its own. Obama and Biden will also extend the Production Tax Credit, a credit used successfully by American farmers and investors to increase renewable energy production and create new local jobs.

Barack Obama and Joe Biden believe that it is critically important for the United States to rebuild its national transportation infrastructure - its highways, bridges, roads, ports, air, and train systems - to strengthen user safety, bolster our long-term com-

petitiveness and ensure our economy continues to grow.

6. Create a National Infrastructure Reinvestment Bank: Barack Obama and Joe Biden will address the infrastructure challenge by creating a National Infrastructure Reinvestment Bank to expand and enhance, not supplant, existing federal transportation investments. This independent entity will be directed to invest in our nation's most challenging transportation infrastructure needs. The Bank will receive an infusion of federal money, \$60 billion over 10 years, to provide financing to transportation infrastructure projects across the nation. These projects will create up to two million new direct and indirect jobs and stimulate approximately \$35 billion per year in new economic activity. Barack Obama and Joe Biden will increase federal support for research, technology and innovation for companies and universities so that American families can lead the world in creating new advanced jobs and products.

7. Invest in the Sciences: Barack Obama and Joe Biden support doubling federal funding for basic research and changing the posture of our federal government from being one of the most anti-science administrations in American history to one that embraces science and technology. This will foster home-grown innovation, help ensure the competitiveness of US technology-based businesses, and ensure that 21st century jobs can and will grow in America.

8. Make the Research and Development Tax Credit Permanent: Barack Obama and Joe Biden want investments in a skilled research and development workforce and technology infrastructure to be supported here in America so that American workers and communities will benefit. Obama and Biden want to make the Research and Development tax credit permanent so that firms can rely on it when making decisions to invest in domestic R&D over multi-year timeframes.

9. Deploy Next-Generation Broadband: Barack Obama and Joe Biden believe we can get broadband to every community in America through a combination of reform of the Universal Service Fund, better use of the nation's wireless spectrum, promotion of next-generation facilities, technologies and applications, and new tax and loan incentives.

With these prospective plans to stimulate the economy and introduce new jobs into the market we hopefully will see a reduction in the unemployment rate. The creation of new jobs, as well as increasing the availability of current jobs in the market will open up employment opportunities for us as we approach graduation. As students, we should have the advantage of Bryant's Amica Center for Career Education, as well as the networking opportunities that this institution provides to each of us. These resources can and will undoubtedly help each of us as we begin to look, apply for, and enter into the job market during this troubled time.

Mark Cuban charged with insider trading

By Dave Michaels
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MCT Campus

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged Mark Cuban on Monday with insider trading stemming from a 2004 sale of stock in an Internet company.

The civil lawsuit alleges that Cuban avoided losses in excess of \$750,000 by selling 600,000 shares he learned would be diluted by a new stock offering. The company, Mamma.com, told Cuban about the offering on the condition that he keep the information confidential.

"Less than four hours later, Mr. Cuban betrayed that trust by placing an order to sell all of his shares," said Scott W. Friestad, the SEC's deputy director of enforcement. "It is fundamentally unfair for someone to use access to nonpublic information to improperly gain an edge on the market."

Cuban, the owner of the Dallas Mavericks, wrote in a blog post Monday that he was "disappointed" with the SEC's decision to file charges.

"I am disappointed that the Commission chose to bring this case based upon its Enforcement staff's win-at-any-cost ambitions," he wrote. "The staff's process was result-oriented, facts be damned. The government's claims are false and they will be proven to be so."

The complaint, filed in the Northern District of Texas, demands that Cuban forfeit the monetary

losses he avoided and pay a civil penalty.

Cuban has retained Paul E. Coggins, a former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, as his defense counsel. Neither Coggins nor his co-counsel, Ralph C. Ferrara, could be reached for comment Monday morning.

Cuban owned a 6.3 percent stake in the company, now known as Copernic Inc. At the time of the sale, he was the company's largest-known shareholder.

According to the complaint, Cuban was told about the stock offering through a phone call with Mamma.com's chief executive on June 28, 2004.

Cuban "became very upset and angry during the conversation" because the private offering would dilute existing shareholders, according to the complaint.

"Well, now I'm screwed," Cuban told the executive. "I can't sell."

But Cuban later called his Dallas broker and ordered him to sell all 600,000 shares he owned. "Sell what you can tonight and just get me out the next day," he said, according to the complaint.

Cuban liquidated his position on June 28 and June 29, before Mamma.com announced its new, private offering, the complaint says. On June 30, trading in Mamma.com opened at \$11.89, down 9.3 percent from the June 29 closing price of \$13.105.

Cuban has shown a keen interest in uncovering securities fraud and in profiting by exposing it.

He's the founder of Sharesleuth.com, a two-year-old Web site that says its reporting is "aimed at exposing securities fraud and corporate chicanery."

But Sharesleuth also says on its Web site that its majority partner, Cuban, "is going to make personal investments based on information we uncover."

Sharesleuth published its first major investigation in August 2006 about an Atlanta company trying to make ethanol. The story questioned the company's business prospects and provided details about the backgrounds of its executives.

In the same story, the Web site disclosed that Cuban had sold short 10,000 shares of the company's stock meaning that he stood to profit if the stock price fell. Cuban also had a short position in 25,000 shares of a second company that was a large shareholder in the ethanol company.

Last month, Cuban launched a new Web site called BailoutSleuth, which is headed by the same editor as Sharesleuth.

The new site is tracking how taxpayer money is being used in the U.S. government's \$700 billion rescue package for the financial system, as well as the Federal Reserve's efforts to backstop financial institutions and the economy.

"On my own dime, I'm hiring several reporters to go out there and just keep an eye on the bailout," Cuban said on a radio interview last month with a National Public Radio show.

Cuban has also blogged extensively about the current financial crisis and economic downturn on his blog, blog maverick.

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With a little thrift, we can thrive

By Kara McGuire
MCT Campus

After Sept. 11, 2001, President Bush suggested that it was a citizen's patriotic duty to shop as if the nation's economy depended on it. But he wasn't the first to promote this idea. In a radio address in 1931, economist John Maynard Keynes told the British people that saving more was the worst thing they could do to end the Great Depression because "whenever you save five shillings, you put a man out of work for a day. Your saving that five shillings adds to unemployment to the extent of one man for one day - and so on in proportion."

Keynes' fix? "Patriotic housewives" should "sally out tomorrow early into the streets and go to the wonderful sales which are everywhere advertised."

In this spirit, I announced to my husband the other day that I was going to spend the afternoon "shopping for America." I was only half-joking. Because more than two-thirds of our economy is made up of consumer spending, if we "get religion" about saving during an economic downturn, I worry that the recession will only get worse.

A call to shop is wholly inappropriate when it's all too clear that spending beyond our means with the help of easy credit contributed to our current financial mess. Notice that the president hasn't asked the American public to hit the malls to solve this latest crisis.

So if consumer spending isn't answer, what is?

Thrift is the "miracle cure" for the economic ills of our society, according to David Blankenhorn, author of a new book about the misunderstood word. "Thrift: A Cyclopedia," is a collection of historical quotes and images - many of which pay homage to a word that today is narrowly defined by Americans to mean "to be cheap" or "to save."

Many misguided consumers think of thrift in a negative light. To them, thrift reminds them of secondhand stores you shop at if you are poor and unfashionable. Being thrifty is being tight with money like your Uncle Al who lived through the Great Depression.

But that's not the word's entire meaning. In fact, being stingy is not being thrifty at all, according to a 1920 speech by Harvard economist T.N. Carver that's included in Blankenhorn's book: "The thrifty person is not a miser. He is one who spends money just as freely as the extravagant man, but he spends it

wisely."

Look back in history, and thrift had many positive definitions, including growth, good fortune and prosperity. The Treasury Department in 1918 even referred to thrift as "practical patriotism."

So how did we transform from a culture that celebrated the virtues of thrift with a "National Thrift Week" to a culture that's all about keeping up with the Joneses using borrowed money?

A report written by the Commission on Thrift - a diverse group of scholars and think-tank folks - says that the shift took place as payday lenders and fee-laden credit cards multiplied and low-income earners began playing the lottery instead of saving their nickels at "thrift institutions," or banks and credit unions.

Over time, the stigma attached to being in debt gave way to the sense that overindebtedness is commonplace and therefore, acceptable, the report's authors say.

Unfortunately, it took millions of Americans losing their homes to foreclosure, fat-cat credit card companies raking in billions in sneaky fees and trillions lost in the stock market for us to realize that being a society of debtors is unacceptable.

It's time for a change. The authors call for a national reeducation campaign for thrift as well as a revival of National Thrift Week, which started in 1917 and ended in 1966. They also have several policy suggestions listed at their Web site, www.newthrift.org.

I'm all for an official celebration of thrift, but there's no need to wait. I see hopeful signs that thrift is making a comeback without a mandate. Consumer spending fell 0.3 percent last month - the largest decline since June 2004. Thrift stores are the rare retailers experiencing sales increases. And the incomplete-but-oft-cited personal savings rate is now 1.3 percent, not zero, according to September data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

To be sure, we have a long way to go before we can say we've returned to our thrifty roots, and getting our mall-centric society there will be painful.

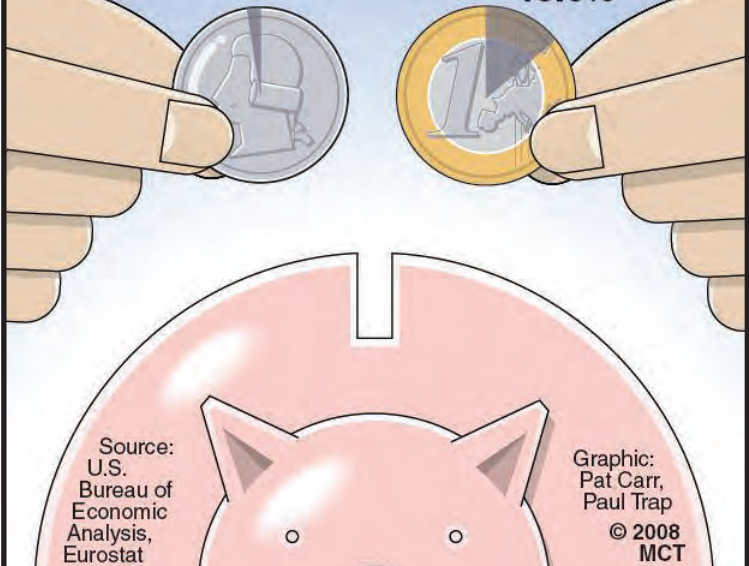
But it will be worth it. The root of the word "thrift," Blankenhorn points out in his book, is "thrive." Sounds pretty good to me.

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Spenders and savers

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Bryant wins big at Iona

Bulldogs guarantee a winning record in their first Divison I-AA season

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It was over when: Lindsey Gamble broke through the line in the fourth quarter for a 75 yard touchdown run that put Bryant in the lead for good.

Players of the game: Lindsey Gamble rushed for a season high 163 yards on 15 carries and 1 TD for Bryant while Iona’s Tim Mastrino caught a school record 18 passes for 167 yards and 1 TD. Gamble moved into fourth all time for school rushing yards.

Turning point: With a fourth and three on Bryant’s 25 in the fourth quarter, Iona quarterback Warren Smith was forced out of the pocket by Bryant’s Don Smith and threw an errant pass that was easily defended by safety Andre Whyte.

Up next: Season Finale, 1 pm at St. Francis (PA)

By Casey Mulcare
Assistant Sports Editor

Lindsey Gamble rushed for a season-high 163 yards on 15 carries to lead the Bryant University football team to a 23-7 win over Iona College Saturday at a wet and rainy Mazzella Field. The win clinches a winning record for the Bulldogs in their first season of Division I football.

Coming off a bye week, the Bulldogs were slow out of the gate and Iona took advantage, scoring the only points of the first half late in the first quarter. Gael freshman quarterback Warren Smith engineered an 11-play drive ending with a 33-yard touchdown pass to Tim Mastrino for a 7-0 lead.

Held scoreless for only the second time this season, Bryant managed just 55 yards rushing in the first half against an Iona defense that came into the game allowing 300 yards rushing.

But it was a different story in the second half as quarterback Jay Graber led Bryant on a 10-play scoring drive to open the third quarter. Graber connected with senior tight end Jarrett Solimando on an 18-yard pass down to the one yard line. One play later, junior tailback Jerrell Smith dove into the end-zone to finally put Bryant on the scoreboard. Iona would maintain the lead however, as the point after attempt was wide, keeping the Gaels in front 7-6.

But the scoring drive was just what the team needed. Chris Bird's 30-yard field goal atoned for the missed extra point try and the Bulldogs had their first lead of the game, 9-7 with 4:24 left in the third.

Still within striking distance, the Gaels continued to move the ball well led by the arm of Warren Smith and the play of Mastrino. But the key play of the game came early in the fourth with the Gaels driving deep into Bryant territory. With the ball on the Bryant 25, and Iona facing a fourth-and-three, Don Smith pressured Warren Smith to scramble out of the pocket and throw an incomplete pass with Andre Whyte covering. Taking over on downs, Gamble broke through the line on Bryant's very first play from scrimmage and raced 75 yards for a touchdown to make it 16-7. With the momentum clearly back in Bryant's favor, Jerrell Smith would later add a 50-yard touchdown run of his own and the Bulldogs never looked back.



The rushing duo of Gamble and Smith proved to be too much for the Gaels to handle as both finished with over 100 yards on the day (Athletic Department)

The matchup with Iona proved to be a milestone games for the running back tandem. With his 163 yards on the day, Gamble moved into fourth all-time in school history with 1,704 rushing yards. Jerrell Smith, who surpassed the 1,000-yard mark for the season on Bryant's first play of the game, finished with 105 yards on the ground, moving him into third-place all-time in school history with 1,723 yards.

Anthony DiNaso had four catches for 64 yards while Bryce Martins led the defense with 11 tackles. Patrick Gauthier and Smith each had seven tackles apiece.

Iona's quarterback Smith completed 31 of 53 passes for 272 yards. Mastrino finished an amazing day for the Gaels, catching a school record 18 passes for 167 yards and the lone Iona touchdown.

The Bulldogs will finish the season on Saturday at St. Francis (PA).

Women’s Basketball drops first NEC matchup

By David Giardino
Sports Editor

Two-year leading scorer Kelsey O’Keefe was held to just two shots and no points in the first half. Senior co-captain Cara Johnson was held to just four first-half points. In a day plagued with turnovers and poor shooting, the Bulldogs (1-1) fell to Fairleigh Dickinson (1-0) Monday night at the Rothman Center.

Bryant committed 16 turnovers (six in the first eight minutes) but the squad was tied with the Knights 19-19 midway through the first half, mostly due to their opponents’ equally poor shooting efforts (25% in the first half). The Knights finally mounted a scoring surge late in the first half to take a 36-32 halftime lead.

An FDU 9-0 run to open the second half quickly appeared to put the game out of reach, but the Bulldogs merely resorted to their deep bench. A trey from freshman Lekia Cowen brought the Bulldogs back within 10 points midway through the second half, 43-33. Cowen converted three free throws on the next possession, and the Bulldogs cut the lead even closer with two key free throws from sophomore Amanda Pierlioni.

However, just as the Bulldogs crept back into the game, they would follow it with a seven minute scoreless drought that essentially locked up the game. The Bulldogs wouldn’t score

again until they trailed 50-38, with under five minutes to play in regulation.

The Bulldogs were led with eight points by Cara Johnson, while sophomore Siamone Bennett led the squad with twelve key boards. The Bulldogs out-rebounded the Knights as a team 60-49. The Knights’ Christy Altamirano led all scorers with 20 points.

The squad fought hard and kept the game close throughout the first half, but was forced to resort to playing catchup much throughout the second. This meant playing mistake-free and capitalizing on your opponents’ mistakes; the Bulldogs could do neither with any consistency Monday night.

The Bulldogs schedule only gets tougher with big matchups against URI, Cornell, and Fordham. The squad has just one home game (vs. St. Francis on December 1) in the first two months of the season, and just nine home games overall all season. The coming weeks will be a great sign as to whether the Bulldogs are ready to compete at the Division I level.




Although January contains the most home games (five) of any month of the season, the squad will also have to contend with key games at Holy Cross, Brown, and Yale.

Bryant will return to action on Sunday, November 23 when they travel to Binghamton, New York to battle Binghamton University at 2:00 pm.

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It was over when: After cutting the deficit to 43-38 midway through the second half, the Bulldogs (1-1) went on a seven minute scoring drought, and didn’t score again until they were down by double digits.

Up next: at Binghamton, Sunday, November 23.

		Lindsey Gamble <i>Year: Junior</i> <i>Sport: Football</i> Gamble rushed for a season high 163 yards in the win vs. Iona Saturday. His 75 yard touchdown run put him at second all-time in school history with 21 career touchdowns.		Julie Geonnotti <i>Year: Junior</i> <i>Sport: Volleyball</i> Geonnotti registered her first triple double of the season with 15 kills, 21 assists and 17 digs in Saturday's matchup with North Dakota.
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Volleyball falls in season finale heartbreaker

Courtesy of BryantBulldogs.com

Despite inspired playing on the part of the Bryant University volleyball team in its season finale, the Bulldogs, who saw two players earn double-doubles and another earn a rare triple-double, weren't able to hold on for a win over North Dakota Saturday afternoon, falling, 3-2, in the 2008 National Transitions Challenge at the Chace Athletic Center.

The Bulldogs end their inaugural Division I season 16-19 after the weekend losses, but left their hearts on the court in their final matchup against North Dakota - also their final contest with the likes of seniors Maureen Atkins (Fenton, Mo.), Delia Glover (Marston Mills, Mass.) and Monika Sattler (Gruenwald, Germany).

But more than just the seniors put on a show Saturday afternoon. It was junior Julie Geonnotti (St. Louis Park, Minn.) whose inspired play led the Bulldogs through five sets, registering a triple-double - Bryant's first of the season. The outside hitter who doubles as a setter collected 15 kills with 21 assists to compliment 17 digs on the day.

Freshman Maria Scocca (Melrose, Mass.) also helped lead the home side with 16 kills, while fellow rookies Hilary Andrews (Tipp City, Ohio) and Jazmin Stoner (Durango, Colo.) recorded double-doubles of their own, with Andrews collecting 13 kills with 15 digs and Stoner grabbing 10 kills with 21 digs.

Glover, a senior co-captain, paced the Bulldogs with 24 digs en route to an all-tournament team selection while Atkins, her co-captain counterpart, led the way with 27 assists.

The Bulldogs proved that they had come to play from the very first set, when the University of North Dakota (24-8), a team Bryant lost to in three sets just a month ago, seemed to keep just one point ahead of the Bulldogs through the 14-14 mark of the match.

Geonnotti helped make it 15-15, feeding Scocca a key set for a huge kill to knot the game. The teams would continue to trade points until the Fighting Sioux took a 22-20 advantage off a pair of Bryant attack errors.

But the Bulldogs would dig deep to knot the score again at 23-23 before a huge block from UND's

In set two, the Bulldogs found themselves relinquishing a 6-3 lead before UND turned it into a 12-8 disadvantage for the Bulldogs.

Four serves from the hands of Glover would take care of the deficit, though, as Bryant came back for a 13-12 lead.

The score stayed close through the rest of the game, with neither team leading by more than two. But in the end it would be North Dakota's set, as Hanson knocked down the set-winning kill for a 26-24 tally and a 1-1 match score.

Set three saw the Bulldogs get off to a slow start, falling behind 4-0 before getting their first point of the game. But blocks and service errors brought Bryant to within one, 5-4, before the Sioux took off again, running the tally up to 16-7, from which the Bulldogs would never recover. The home team pulled within four, again with Glover serving, thanks in part to a pair of aces, but Bryant would soon find themselves down, 2-1 in the match.

Bryant took an early 6-1 lead in set four, keeping UND at bay after a series of long rallies. But two service aces from the Sioux's Devin Trefz knotted the game at 7-7.

The score stayed at a draw or within one point until, again, Glover got the serve, taking her Bulldogs from down 11-10 to leading 13-12.

A kill from Andrews, set up by Geonnotti, made it 14-13 in favor of Bryant before Atkins service led the Bulldogs to a 16-13 edge.

Bryant went up 18-15 from an Andrews ace and held the lead for the remainder of the set, winning 25-22 on a run capped off by the 29th and final ace of Atkins's season.

And with one set left in their 2008 season - and in the careers of three Bulldogs - Bryant dug even deeper, but it just wouldn't be enough to come back from a huge North Dakota lead built by Taylor Bohannon serves. The Bulldogs went down a quick 9-0 in the shortened set, thanks in part to a trio of Bohannon aces. Bryant would get just five points back before the Sioux took the 3-2 win.

Houston Baptist University won the 2008 National Transitions Challenge, winning all four tournament games, including a hard-fought 3-2 win over the University of South Dakota in the Championship Saturday at noon.

The Bulldogs finish their 2008 inaugural Division I campaign 16-19.



The Bulldogs completed a successful and impressive Division I season with a heartbreaking loss against North Dakota. (Athletic Department)

Britta Hanson and Erin Joki gave the Sioux back the one-point edge.

But three straight points from Scocca - a kill setup by Glover followed by a block from Scocca and Andrews followed by another kill, this time from Atkins - gave the home side the 1-0 match advantage with a 26-24 set one win.

Daunting schedule awaits Bulldogs' inaugural season

By Michael Cronin Jr.
Staff Writer

The Bryant University Men's Basketball Bulldogs open up their first Division I season this Wednesday (November 19th) at the Chace Athletic Center against Albany. The Bulldogs just finished their exhibition season with a 60-50 win over Saint Michael's College and a 71-64 loss to St. Francis Xavier. Under the guidance of new head coach Tim O'Shea, they have a tough task ahead in the 2008-2009 season.

Right at the beginning, the Bulldogs face an uphill climb. Of their first 12 games, 10 are on the road against difficult opponents such as: Connecticut, Boston College, Maryland, and Iowa. Overall, Bryant will play 29 games; 11 are at home and 18 are away. They are scheduled to play all 11 teams on the Northeast Conference Preseason Coach's poll. The Bulldogs will become the 12th member of the NEC in 2012-2013.

Last year, Bryant put together an 18-13 record, and this year they're losing only one starter (John Ezeokoli). Over the past five years, they've qualified for the Division II tournament. Returning starters Jerrann Wright (Cincinnati, OH), Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), Barry Latham (Taunton, MA), and Cecil Gresham (Bloomfield, CT) are up against tough odds, but they are excited and ready for the journey ahead. Birrell commented, "We've got an opportunity to be on the first team ever at Bryant to do something like this. It's a great opportunity for us to make a name for Bryant. We're the pioneers."

Beginning this year, WEEI's Jon Wallach will be the voice of Bulldog basketball on WOON-AM 1240. This season will undoubtedly have its ups and downs, but with a new coach and a new division, Bulldog basketball is ready to start a new chapter in Bryant Division I sports.

At a Glance:

Of the first 16 games, Bryant plays only three at home.

Major road games include:

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| at Boston College | at Quinnipiac |
| at Providence College | at Albany |
| at Iowa | at Robert Morris |
| at Rutgers | at Monmouth |
| at Brown | at Sacred Heart |
| at Connecticut | at Maryland |



Bryant looks to continue their success in transitioning to Division I-AA on the basketball court. (Athletic Department.)

The Way Life Should Be



By: Michael Adams
Opinion Editor

Given that this is technically the Thanksgiving issue of *The Archway*, I wanted to address something that all of us should be thinking about as we come down the home stretch toward this holiday season, and that is how great our lives really are.

So many times each year, children get their lives taken away by auto accidents, terminal illnesses, and the like, and we just pass it on by, and continue to live our lives. Yes, I believe we're all kept on this planet for a reason, but we should also take note of the reasons we want to be here; what we are doing to make this world a better place. So often this little piece of the pumpkin pie is forgotten.

It has been my observation that people lead a fast life down here in southern New England, as well as many other parts of the upper forty eight. Being central to Boston and Providence, everyone is busy, busy, busy. Horns blaring everywhere, people yelling obscenities at each other, and showing a blatant disregard for those people around you. It's their world too. You just happen to live in it and make their lives a living hell. It's the people that think the entire Universe revolves around them, that have not been shown the true beauty that life has to offer us.

I know this might sound slightly like a gospel, but I truly believe there is a way life should be.

What happened to those times, years and years ago, when everyone (and I mean everyone) would hold the door open for people, regardless of the gender of the individual? It's the nice thing to do. If someone dropped something, you pick it up for them or help them collect their belongings that may have fallen and scattered on the ground. For example, while I was attending a farmer's market this past summer, a woman had spilled all of her beads into the gravel. I placed no value on the beads, but she did. I went over to search for the beads in the gravel and recovered as many as I could. I did this because it is how I was brought up to act.

Now, some might say that small towns are not where the money is, and there are no jobs left in the area. That may be true, but what you get in return for taking a lower paycheck is a quality of life that no large city can offer you. Rolling hills, farms and mountains—and that's just on your way to work. You get smaller cities that are barely classified as so, and a community that is incredibly supportive of anyone, regardless of whether you have lived in town for fifty years or two months.

As another example, my town back home recently had the bridge closed, and residents had to drive seven miles downriver just to cross, and then back another seven miles to get into town. This deeply affected main street businesses. The town rallied together and started supporting the local businesses. Small towns are where there are still remnants of the good life. The life where no one cared about how they looked in public or how much money everyone had. It's all about money these days. How much you have and what you spend it on, from the size of your house, to the car that you drive. That's not what life is about.

Life is about helping people out, and not letting anyone struggle: Helping out your neighbor and supporting the community we all live in, forming long lasting relationships with the people around you, and enjoying area attractions that don't deal with frying Oreos. If it's about bringing someone to the hospital, then bring them to the hospital. All of a sudden (gasp!) their life has become all the more important than yours. It may take a while to realize this, but you can't always get what you want 24/7/365. You should put close friends and relative's needs in front of yours if that is the case. Help people out for a change, and they will be forever grateful for your generosity. If someone is helping you out, please say thank you to them to let them know that you appreciate what they have done for you.

It's just this simple, yet so many people are oblivious to this world we live in. You do not need to be constantly connected to your Blackberry, you do not need \$200 Ugg boots, and you certainly do not need to be a total jerk to the rest of the world if you don't get what you want. It goes back to the age old kindergarten saying of "treat people the way you want to be treated", the saying that formed a lot of our views when we were waddling around the living room, yet this has all been forgotten in the fast-paced world we live in. Slow down, and realize what your life is really worth.

It is now, during this holiday season that people are going to need your help the most. Bring in some canned goods for those who are unable to have a Thanksgiving like yours, or donate some toys for a children's toy drive. You will feel so much better about yourself, but even better is that there is a child out there whose smile will be lighting up the room. This is the way life should be.

A Secular Perspective: *Life After Death?*

By: Brandon Dobro
Staff Writer

What happens after we die? To say that this has become a loaded question is a massive understatement. The concept of afterlife is often used as both a tool to do good in the world and a means to instill fear. It is a question that has been tackled by every culture that has ever existed, from ancient Egyptians, who believed that the only path to an afterlife was to be mummified, to the Norse and Greek beliefs that the afterlife was a reward only to those who died heroically in battle. It is a question that has boggled the minds of the world's greatest philosophers and scientists. So, you'll have to excuse what I find to be an even more interesting question of: Why is there even a debate over this topic?

Every belief in the afterlife appears to follow the same logic. In essence, there are two entities to every person: the tangible (or body) and the intangible. I think we all agree that once you die, your tangible body dies as well. But what happens to the intangible? Better yet, what is the intangible? Whether it's called a soul, a spirit, or self, there seems to be a general consensus that it is the conscious personality and thoughts of a person. This is what most agree lives on after our bodies die.

It's important to point out, however, that a person's personality and thoughts all come from the brain, which is obviously a tangible object that either works or does not work. Once the cerebral cortex stops working, we lose all sense of consciousness. This includes our thoughts, opinions, personality, and sense of self. Thusly it only seems reasonable to conclude that when we die, so does our "soul."

The fact that consciousness ceases to exist once we die seems obvious

when rationalized. So why do so many people believe in an afterlife? Believe it or not, I put less blame on religion than I do on the brain itself. Imagine for a second that you no longer exist and are nothing. You'll soon realize that it simply isn't possible. The very nature of your existence says that you will never know what it feels like to be nothing. And so, by default, we all at one point (secretly or not) believe that we are immortal. The

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question is whether or not we can overcome this lapse of judgment provided by our very own brain.

Immortality, of course, can be a great thing to believe. It makes death seem like nothing more than an illusion. There is simply no better source of comfort than to tell a grieving mother who lost her child that she will see him again in a short amount of time. But, isn't honesty and truth more important than anything else? Grief isn't necessarily a bad thing and (as proven by anyone who lacks a belief in the afterlife and has lost a loved one) can be overcome.

Even if you take the huge leap that our consciousness survives once we die, how do you have any idea what happens to it? With this uncertainty, religion comes rushing in with answers of rewards and punishments. "Follow our religion and you will be rewarded with eternal bliss," many religions say. "If you don't follow our religion or do exactly what our book says is moral, you will be tortured in a pit of fire forever." Granted, this may be a great tactic to get people to enroll in your beliefs. But is there a more evil and twisted promise to make to someone? After all, again making the assumption that an afterlife exists, what

living human being is more qualified to explain the details of it than you? I assure you that if anyone actually knew these details, they wouldn't be in the pulpit, but rather somewhere in Scandinavia claiming their Nobel Prize.

My only request is that you take a step back for a second and think about whether your current explanation for what happens after you die makes logical sense. For example, does it seem sensible that the loving creator of the universe would take those who had a sexual attraction to members of the same gender and literally torture them forever? Does it make sense that someone would be eternally punished for not following a god's best-selling book due to a sheer misfortune of geography? Questions such as these couldn't be any more obvious, and yet their affirmative answers have caused countless wars and led to an inequality of rights for others for hundreds of years. Belief in an afterlife may be a comfortable thought, but when it takes away the rights and even lives of others, this belief should neither be followed nor tolerated.

One question I am sometimes asked is how I can assign any value to life and to others if there is no "meaning" to life and no afterlife to live for. Personally, it was an incredibly liberating realization that once the heart stops beating, my life is over.

The fact that you only have one life to live means that every minute becomes all the more valuable. I think that it is actually a very depressing thought that every life has a pre-determined purpose. On the contrary, you get to create your own purpose and your own meaning out of your life. You define what a meaningful life is on your own terms, and not as a way of ensuring a pass to an exclusive paradise after this one.

This Thanksgiving, no matter what you believe, I hope you will join me in recognizing and appreciating the value of family, friends, life, freedom, and truth.



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Obama needs patience to fix this economy

By: David Nicklaus
MCT Campus

White House kitchen, but I hope it has a stove with plenty of back burners. Our new president will need them for the economic issues that he spent most of the campaign talking about.

By the time Barack Obama takes office Jan. 20, the worldwide recession will be the only economic issue that matters. Every initiative the new administration introduces will be viewed through a single lens: Does it make things better or worse?

Impose higher taxes on the rich? Even Obama's Democratic allies in Congress realize that a recession is the wrong time to raise taxes.

Increase the capital gains tax? That would send the stock market, already down more than 40 percent from its peak, into another tailspin.

A cap-and-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions? If it raises the cost of running a power plant or a factory, this also feels ill-timed.

Reform health care? Business groups will try to turn this into a jobs issue. They'll say the mandate-or-tax part of Obama's plan makes hiring more expensive. With unemployment likely to be high and rising, their argument will be hard to ignore.

I've never been in the

Obama can't be expected to abandon any of these issues, all of which seem popular with voters. He will, however, have more pressing concerns.

"He has inherited a tremendous mess, and it's one he must realize that no one has a handle on," said Milton Ezrati, senior economist for Lord Abbett mutual funds.

Obama's domestic policy team, when it is assembled, must make the economic mess its top priority. That means enacting a stimulus package, something Congress may tackle even before Inauguration Day. It also means carrying out the Bush administration's bank bailout, putting new financial regulations into place and maybe helping homeowners who can't afford their mortgages.

We don't know what details Obama will put into his recovery plan, but financial markets are eager to hear a coherent, confident approach.



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"It's almost like the regulators, both here and in Europe, have been throwing spaghetti at the wall," Ezrati said. "Because confidence is

such an issue, the fact that they are flailing around is making things worse. Obama has to at least give the appearance, or field a team of people who give the appearance, of having a handle on things."

As for those non-recession-related campaign promises, the president-elect may tweak some of them to fit the current circumstances.

"I think he will delay raising taxes

on the rich, but he can still cut taxes on the poor and middle class, because that is going to stimulate the economy," said Eugenio Aleman, senior economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis.

Other platform planks may be handed to blue-ribbon study commissions, or simply put off until the economy looks healthier.

There's nothing wrong with that, says Murray Weidenbaum, the Washington University economist who was a top adviser to Ronald Reagan after the 1980 election.

"Issues like health care and education will be vitally important, but the phrase 'quick fix' isn't what comes to mind," Weidenbaum said.

Reagan, he recalled, campaigned on a pledge to fix Social Security but was unable to enact any changes until 1983, the third year of his presidency.

Obama, likewise, can't afford to focus too much attention on divisive _ albeit important _ issues during his first year in office.

Until financial markets return to normal and the economy starts growing again, everything else gets pushed to the back burner.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As members of the Student Diversity Advocates (SDA's), we are writing in response to the Archway article entitled "Gay Marriage is Useless" and the recent bias incidents regarding homosexuality. Our role is to help students understand the complex issues of diversity on our campus. Our group is deeply concerned for and passionate about establishing a climate of civility, respect, and appreciation for all members of our community regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, color, national and ethnic origin. Our group lives the Bryant Pledge we signed upon entering Bryant and fights to make Bryant a place "where the sacredness of each person is honored and where diversity is aggressively pursued."

As representatives and advocates of equality, diversity, and tolerance on campus, we strive to combat ignorance and encourage acceptance through education of our fellow students. Our group would like to express our support to Aj Sorbera and the GLBT community here at Bryant. The recent incidences are in clear violation of the guiding principles in our community. These occurrences reflect poorly, not only on the individuals involved, but also on Bryant as a collective community. It is disappointing that, as mature university students, this behavior still occurs. Our campus is a place where "high standards of civility are set and violations are challenged." We are here to challenge those violations.

As Student Diversity Advocates, we are not afraid to voice our extreme disgust and frustration. We hope that others will follow us in supporting the GLBT community in your thoughts, words, and actions. One action would be to report incidences on campus.

The Bias Incident Committee is the reporting vehicle on our campus. It is underutilized and we want to empower students to take advantage of it. A bias incident is a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person's real or perceived race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, graffiti, or inappropriate gestures/behavior.

If you witness any of the aforementioned behaviors, you can report an incident through any of the following channels:

- Call the 24-hour Bias Incident Hotline at 232-6920.
- Complete the form available at web.Bryant.edu/bias and put it in the interoffice mail to Box 67 or attach the completed form to an e-mail addressed to bias@bryant.edu.
- Pick up a copy of the form at Public Safety, the Intercultural Center, Student Affairs, Residence Life, or Human Resources. Complete it and return it through interoffice mail to Box 67.
- To report in person to the Department of Public Safety or the Residence Director on duty call x 6001.

Please join the SDA's in making our campus a safe, supportive living and learning environment for all members of our community.

Peace and Love,

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Dear Editor,

My hands are shaking with rage as I write this letter to you. After being a avid reader of *The Archway* for my 4 years at Bryant, I have never been so enraged or appalled as by the articles Matthew Vincunas has written over the past few weeks. There have been many conservatives that have written for *The Archway* over the years, but no writer has been as condescending and factually absent as Matt. His words have strong consequences, one of which, I believe, was the recent hate crime which occurred on campus, just a week after the article "Gay Marriage is Useless" was published.

I am a strong believer in the freedom of speech, and I have held my tongue for weeks because of that. However, strong opinions that are hateful and hurtful should not be permitted. *The Archway* is not a forum for extreme right wing politics. As a straight, white, female, there are many privileges allotted to me through society that many African Americans and homosexuals are deprived of every day. Has Matt ever had to defend why he likes girls? Has he been walking through the street and had people stare and shout vulgar terms at him? Has he never had to hide his partner in public because of the social stigma attached?

All in all, who the hell is Matt to say Barack Obama wouldn't have won the election if he was white? Newsflash, Barack Obama is just as white as he is black. Strategically speaking, Obama ran a consistent campaign, the first step to success for anyone and any company. Who the hell is Matt to say gay marriage is useless?! If nothing else, gay marriage can result in legal rights permitted to heterosexuals every day, such as tax breaks, legal guardian privileges, estate transfers at death, and the ability to be in the room when a partner takes her/his last breath.

I ask anyone enraged by Matt Vincunas's articles, as I know there are many out there, to express your opinion and write into *The Archway*. We need to show our student voice, and proclaim that ignorance is intolerable in this University.

Sincerely,

Brianna Mahan



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Bulldog Flicks: *Role Models*

Luke Stankiewicz

Staff Writer

I chose to see *Role Models* because I really had no expectations for the movie. I wanted to go see a movie for what it was, not with some hype attached to it, or conversely a negative preconception. As it turns out, this movie surprised me on almost every level. It's a comedy that has real heart, which is tough to come by nowadays. Most comedy movies, with the exceptions of those made by Kevin Smith and Judd Apatow, have no heart. They're humor for the sake of humor, which is fine, I should add. Sometimes though, a director will take a comedy and try to bring it to another level. This movie succeeds in transcending the comedy genre's usual stereotypes and becoming a movie that's funny, smart, and moving all at the same time.

The plot is easy enough. Danny Donahue (Paul Rudd) and his buddy Wheeler (Sean William Scott) are two guys that work for an energy drink

company called Minotaur (think Monster). Their job is basically to go to high schools and talk to kids about the importance of drug abstinence, while promoting their energy drink. These scenes are some of the funniest in the film, due in large part to the complete polarity of Rudd and Scott's characters.

Already depressed and bitter about his life and job, Danny's girlfriend Beth (Elizabeth Banks) finally breaks up with him after he gets into a fight with a coffee shop worker about the meaning of the word *venti*. Later, after

Danny gives an angry speech to a group of high schoolers about the potential benefits of drugs (helping you accept that life sucks), he exits the building to see his car being towed.

At this point, Danny's had enough, and decides that instead of letting his car be towed, he'll try to drive away in it with the tow truck attached. This results in him smashing into the school's mascot statue and losing his job. His (and Wheeler's) punishment is either thirty days in jail or working with a community service organization called Sturdy Wings, which gives little kids having a rough time a solid role model to guide them. Obviously, they choose the latter.

Danny is assigned to Augie, a nerdy teenager who participates in what is basically a real life Role Play Game. Wheeler is assigned to Ronnie, a young black kid who has the personality of Chris Rock at 30 (and the mouth). Luckily, these characters aren't especially overdone or stereotypical, which would normally be a fault in this type of movie. Instead they're real people with real problems (as we soon find out) who happen to be really funny.

This movie isn't perfect, but it doesn't have to be either. All it has to do is be funny, and on this level it succeeds. What really surprises me is how well all the jokes work and even more so how well they avoid conformity. None of the

jokes seem recycled or contrived, which is a feat considering the characters are so prone to stereotypes (a nerdy white kid and an urban black kid). One scenario, in which the four of them go camping with the Sturdy Wings group offers some extremely clever jokes, such as the observation by Danny that there's "always some guy who almost knows how to play the guitar but not quite." As we would expect, the campfire songs sung at that trip are just barely tolerable.

The movie is jam packed with other hilarious moments, including Rudd's rant about the stupidity of fancy coffee houses (like Starbucks) and Scott's lecture to Ronnie about the best way to look at woman without being caught. Jane Lynch gives a hilarious performance as Gayle Sweeney, the manager of Sturdy Wings, who is never hesitant to discuss her drug abusing (and overall sketchy) past. Paul Rudd gives a great performance as a middle-aged man unhappy with his life, perfectly in contrast to Sean William Scott's high energy

character that is the Jerry Lewis to his Dean Martin. In other words, the two work great together.

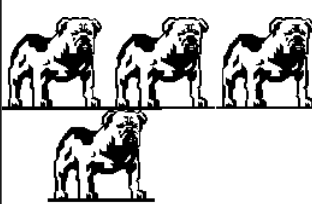
What I liked most about this movie is how much heart it really has. Somewhere after the middle of the movie, things start changing. At a dinner with Augie's parents, Paul Rudd's character is shocked by how cruel Augie's parents are to him. He even goes so far as to say that they treat him too harshly, and should allow him to do what he wants.

Wheeler also begins to actually care for the young kid he's looking after, and feels guilty after abandon-

ing him for a girl at a party. The film artfully points out that perceptions can be misleading, evinced by what Wheeler says to Ronnie's mother after abandoning him "He seemed so tough I thought I couldn't hurt him." As it turns out, Ronnie was abandoned by his father, and his tough front is a shield against becoming close to people. Lessons like these aren't often learned in a movie like this, where one only expects a laugh and a way to kill two hours. Sure, there is resolution, and a basically happy ending, but it is all earned, not simply awarded at the end of the movie with no real explanation. Augie's parents learn to love him for who he is, and Ronnie learns to trust people without driving them away. Wheeler learns responsibility and Danny learns what it means to care for someone, even if they are different than you.

I couldn't have asked for more from this movie, and would have been happy with less. Because of this, I give *Role Models* 4 out of 5 Bulldogs.

This movie earned
4 out of 5 bulldogs



Paul Rudd and Sean William Scott star at a mentorship meeting in *Role Models*. (MCT Campus)

Horoscopes



Aquarius

1/20 - 2/18

Conditions are changing in your favor. The next few weeks should be fun. Keep sorting through your expenses to see if there are any you can cut. It gets easier with practice.



Pisces

2/19 - 3/20

By now you should have your plan just about figured out. That's good, because you're about to take on more responsibility. You can do this, especially if you're prepared. So, prepare.



Aries

3/21 - 4/19

If you're not already working for yourself, you probably should be. You're knocking yourself out for low pay, and that's the way most entrepreneurs start out. Give it some thought. You might like the fringe benefits.



Taurus

4/20 - 5/20

The sun's going into Sagittarius for the next four weeks. This is the area that brings emphasis to your financial holdings. You have natural talent, but guard against surprises. Stay in charge.



Gemini

5/21 - 6/21

Stick with your family's traditions. If you don't have any, make up some. You'll find that doing the same old thing is very comforting now. Cinnamon and ginger are recommended.



Cancer

6/22 - 7/22

Practice makes perfect but, as you may have noticed, it can take a while. Keep at it; you're losing your inhibitions and your terror of making mistakes. That last should almost be used up.



Leo

7/23 - 8/22

There's way too much for one person to do, so get as much help as you need. This job pays well enough that you'll come out ahead. If this is totally not happening in your life, move over to where it is.



Virgo

8/23 - 9/22

Continue to let your loved ones build up your confidence. They think you can do anything, even when you wonder. Trust them. They're probably right this time.



Libra

9/23 - 10/22

A behind-the-scenes negotiation works out well for you. This could be a trade or you get it free for hauling it away. You don't have to tell anybody how much you paid, unless you want to brag.



Scorpio

10/23 - 11/21

Hurry and start whatever it is that you want to have grow and be abundant. Pray for what you want to learn easily in the coming year. Make lists of your wishes as well as your resolutions.



Sagittarius

11/22 - 12/21

You can advance your career now, and make a lot more money. This might involve making a change, but it's not impossible. Think about the pros and cons. Yes, a decision will be required.



Capricorn

12/22 - 1/19

Friends can make a connection better than you can yourself. Luckily, you've been getting better at delegating responsibilities. That hasn't happened yet? Well, here's a chance to practice.

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THE BEAT OF BRYANT

Bah humbug: Players perform *A Christmas Carol*

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

The Bryant Players will be performing a rendition of the play “A Christmas Carol” on December 5th, 6th, and 7th. Senior Ryan Smith is the Director and junior Krissy Aucoin is the Assistant Director.

A classic tale by Charles Dickens, “A Christmas Carol” follows an old and bitter man named Ebenezer Scrooge through a life-changing experience of redemption over the course of one evening. Scrooge learns what the true meaning of Christmas really is. This timeless classic will provide a great evening of entertainment and will fill the audience with holiday cheer.

Starring in “A Christmas Carol” is a talented cast of Bryant students. Ethan Beise is starring as Scrooge; David Lash as Fred; Steve Alibrandi as Bob Cratchit; Ben Baker as Charity man; Katie Watts as charity woman; Mandie Dev as the Ghost of Christmas Past; Garret Staples as the Ghost of Christmas Present; Brian Ko as the Ghost of Christmas Future; Mike Cronin as Marley’s ghost; Will Stanley as Marley; Stephen Fitch as Adult Scrooge; Dan Beaudoin as Child Scrooge; Dan Courneyer as Fezziwig; Del Gagnon as Dick; Jenna Lamy as Belle; Justine

Bouchder as Mrs. Cratchit; Molly Briggs as Mrs. Dilbur; Annie Vaitkus as female thief; Dawne Correia as Dick’s girl; Matt St. Peter as Tiny Tim; Bri Wood as Fan; Selwyn Wilson as School Master; Matthew Tivnan as Joe; Tara Calnan, Jennie Kitaychik, and Coburn Childs as the Cratchit children; Justin London as Topper; Nicole Flieger as Fred’s wife; Michelle Richard and Mary Green as the two sisters; Lindsay Rice as Caroline; Kevin Javier as Husband; Kevin Dunn, Krissy Aucoin, Lindsay Rice, and Jen McElligott as businessmen and women; Ronnie Blanchard and Erica Nadeau as errand boy and girl; Amber De Angelis and Joelle Sopariwala as two elderly citizens; and John Gardner and Parker Williams as sailors.

“I am extremely excited to assistant direct ‘A Christmas Carol,’” commented Aucoin. “It is really

cool to see how much everyone has improved, and it is amazing to have such a large cast to work with—there are almost 40 cast members! I love helping people explore their acting potential, and it is really cool to help everyone better their acting skills.” Although she is the assistant director, Aucoin still wishes to be with her fellow actors in the spotlight. “While I love helping everyone improve, I really miss being on the stage! It is still cool to be more involved behind the scenes for once—we also have a great set construction crew who has been working like crazy, and all the work they have done is amazing. I cannot wait for opening night!”

“A Christmas Carol” will be performed on Friday, December 5th at 7 pm, Saturday, December 6th at 7 pm, and Sunday, December 7th at 2 pm. Tickets can be purchased for \$2 for Bryant students, \$5 for Bryant faculty and staff, and \$8 for general admission. Receive a dollar discount if you bring a non-perishable food item when you purchase your ticket. All donations will be given to a local food bank during the holiday season.



Bryant Players Spotlight: Matt St. Peter

Matt St. Peter, Junior Finance and Management major with a Psychology and Spanish Minor at Bryant University, is not only interested in business, he enjoys spending his time taking on the different lives of the characters he plays in the Bryant Players shows. Most recently, Matt is taking on the role of Charles Dickens’ Tiny Tim in the holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*.

Matt began his career in acting in eighth grade “just for fun because my friends and I liked the people who were in charge of the play, so we figured we’d give it a go.”

Matt’s “spur of the moment” first play led to his further pursuit of acting in high school, as he was the president of his Drama Club at St. Mary High School and participated in eight shows. He also acted in a semi-professional play, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, at the Majestic Theatre in West Springfield, MA.

Matt has been an active member of the Players for three years and has acted in *Amateurs* in December 2006, and took on the task of Assistant Director in *How to Succeed in Business* the following year. Matt also held the spot of Treasurer in 2007, but resigned because of his passion for acting and his increased involvement in other organizations on campus. Matt is an active member of the Bryant Community, as he is also involved in Delta Sigma Pi, Admission Ambassadors, and a second year Resident Assistant.

Matt has thoroughly enjoyed his involvement with Bryant Players and has shown how his experience has paid off with his high-quality performances. To him, the best part of acting is “when you’re on stage you don’t have to worry about the stresses of everyday life, you can just let loose and be completely someone else.”

Come see Matt and all of the other phenomenal acting in the Players’ production of *A Christmas Carol* December 5th, 6th, and 7th!



Get out of your room!

By Nicole Murphy
Contributing Writer

A lot of students run through their daily plans--classes, Salmo, work-study, homework, and somewhere in between friends and Facebook--without much thought to how many things this campus offers. Bryant University puts a lot of effort into keeping students involved and entertained. As the weather gets colder, and finals inch nearer, don’t get intimidated! It’s still fun to head over to the games even if you have to sprint through the freezing air!

Basketball season has begun, along with swim season. Don’t forget about the hockey team either. These sports’ schedules are listed on the Bryant website, under the sports headline. Also the upcoming games are normally posted

in the Chace Wellness and Athletic Center a few days prior to the event.

The Student Programming Board also runs regular events. On November 15 they even ran a trip for students to New York City. On campus, there’s regular bingo, and even movie screenings (notice how SPB managed to air *Dark Knight* before it was even on DVD? Yeah, they’ve got connections). SPB puts a lot of effort into giving students options for activities, don’t let them go to waste! If you feel like getting involved with the Student Programming Board, check out a meeting on Monday’s at 4:30 in the Papitto room of the Bryant Center.

Stay excited about Bryant University as a community! Don’t just stay holed up in your dorm because of the weather! It’s good to do something with peers. Go Bulldogs!

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Students Speak Out

What is your
favorite part about going
home for Thanksgiving?



"Watching the Thanksgiving Day Parade with my family."
Cassidy Rydberg '11



"Seeing family and friends."
Josh Pare '10



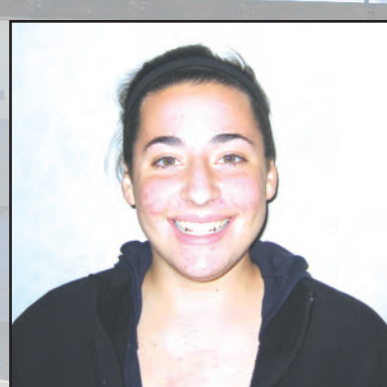
"Every Thanksgiving night I watch 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas.'"
Laura Karolyshyn '11



"My grandma's home cooking."
Kortnee Cribby '11



"Keeping it real"
Chris McKay '11



"Getting a break from homework and my Mom's cooking mmm..."
Lauren Lastrina '11



"Getting away from my roommate"
Sarah Donovan '11



"Chillaxin"
Sean Kaukas



"Ballin out"
Stephanie Del Mistro '11